

COLONEL CHARLES E. COURSEY
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United States Army
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.



Colonel Charles Coursey assumed duties Oct. 15, 2012, as the Joint Base Deputy Commander, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. As Deputy Commander, he provides installation support to more than 80 mission partners at the Department of Defense's only tri-service joint base.

Colonel Coursey graduated from The Pennsylvania State University and was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer in 1985. His initial duty was in the 5th of the 41st Field Artillery Battalion, 194th Armored Brigade, Fort Knox, Ky., from December 1985 until May 1989. Colonel Coursey also served as the Fire Support Team Chief, Fire Direction Officer and Firing Battery Executive Officer when the unit was re-designated the 1st of the 77th FA Bn.

Following his initial duties as a field artillery officer, Colonel Coursey was branch transferred to the Signal Corps and continued to serve in the 1st of the 77th FA Bn as

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery Communications Platoon Leader and Executive Officer. In January 1990, he was assigned to the 440th Signal Battalion, 22d Signal Brigade in Darmstadt, Germany where he served as Assistant S-3 Officer and Bravo Company Commander. In 1993, he returned to the U.S. and was assigned to the 335th Theater Signal Command in East Point, Ga. Colonel Coursey transferred, after two years in the 335th, to the Active Guard Reserve program and continued to serve with the unit in positions of increasing responsibility. He then served as a Systems and Force Integrator in the Force Programs Directorate, U.S. Army Reserve Command at Fort McPherson, Ga. In August 2000, Colonel Coursey was assigned to U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., where he served for three years as a North Atlantic Treaty Organization–Partnership for Peace Exercise Planning Officer and Information Warfare Officer. In 2003, he was assigned to the Army Reserve Information Operations Command at Adelphi, Md. with duties as an Operations Officer and later as Group Deputy Commander.

In May 2006, Colonel Coursey reported to duty as the Signal, Information Operations and Space Force Integrator within the Force Management Directorate. In 2007, he deployed to Baghdad, Iraq and served as Chief of Force Development, J5, Multi-National Security Transition Command. After returning from deployment, Colonel Coursey served as Force Initiatives Division Chief, Force Management Directorate, Office of the Chief Army Reserve. In June 2008, he was assigned as Chief of Staff, U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. After serving over two years as Chief of Staff, he then reported for duty as Assistant Deputy of Force Development with HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8 in August 2010. In September 2011 he was reassigned and served as Director, Force Management, G/3/5/7, U.S. Army Reserve until reassigned again in March 2012 as Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Reserve while concurrently serving as Transitional Executive Officer for the incoming Chief of Army Reserve.

Colonel Coursey is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College (1998) and the U.S. Army War College (2010). His awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (7 OLC), Joint Service

Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2 OLC), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (w/M Device), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2 BSD), Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (2 OLC), Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

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